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Distinguished Old Boy As Chief Guest

Fitting Tribute to
Mr. T. Sivaprakasapillai at
J. H. C. Prize Giving

Welcoming Mr. T. Sivaprakasapillai, B. Sc. Eng'g Lond., A. C. G. I., M. I. C. E., Reader in Civil Engineering, University of Ceylon, at the Annual Prize Giving, Mr. N. Sabaratnam, Principal of the Jaffna Hindu College said:—

We are fortunate indeed to have Mr. Sivaprakasapillai with us as our Chief Guest this evening because, with the self-effacing modesty so characteristic of so many of our Old Boys, he has never been the one easily to be persuaded on to a platform to deliver himself of a peroration that has to be pompous for the reason that it is platitudinous. That he has today overcome this diffidence to the extent of gracing this occasion is no achievement of persuasive persistence on our part. Rather is it a measure of the tension that the old school tie still exerts as much on his inclinations as on his inhibitions.

It is, therefore, with great pride that we welcome you, Sir, as an Alumnus who has shown an equal pride in attributing his achievements to the foundations laid for them by his Alma Mater. The pride is all the greater since the achievements have been of no mean order. Proceeding from the University College on a Government Scholarship to the United Kingdom at a time when such opportunity was reserved only for the academically brilliant, you won a medal at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, and returned to promote national development by becoming our first Ceylonese Harbour Engineer. That was service enough for our country. But prompted by the urge to propagate what you knew, you returned to the University which with its new Faculty of Engineering was only too glad to have you on its staff. Since then you have done much to give the country the engineers it has needed for its regeneration.

Hence, the reunion of Alumnus and Alma Mater cannot but be warm particularly when the former's links with the College are reinforced by the close associations that his revered father the late Mr. S. Thambiahpillai had with it as Treasurer of the Board of Management and his illustrious brother Mr. T. Muttusamipillai as student, teacher and Manager.

And to safeguard that reinforcement against stress or strain Providence has been so generous as to place by his side a companion for life who is none other than the grand-daughter of the late Mr. A. Chinnappah, one time Treasurer of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai, and the niece of the oldest of our distinguished Old Boys, Mr. C. Coomarasamy. For this reason and for the fact that she runs a home of Hindu practice and piety, Mrs. Sivaprakasapillai can be no stranger in our midst.

Some Science to Every Student

The picture of the new pattern of schools proposed is not yet very clear. It can however be stated that we shall function as a Senior New School System School starting from Standard eight and ending up at the Advanced Level. This should prove to be a satisfactory

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Letter to the Editor

That Image of Saraswathy

Sir,—You have the full support of all right thinking Tamils irrespective of religious differences in your condemnation of the unwarranted act of desecration of the Saraswati Image that had taken shape in front of the New Jaffna Public Library Building according to the original plan.

In 1944 when I was Divisional Inspector of Schools of the Eastern Province, the Government started a new Training College for women. The school organised the opening ceremony and Hon. Dr. Kannagara opened the building. The function started off with the traditional lighting of the lamp. In the programme issued to the visitors, the first item was Pooja Dance. The graceful figure of Saraswati formed the background before which the trainees offered flowers. The Christian group raised objections to it and complained to the Minister Dr. Kannagara. He derided them for their objections and told them that Saraswati was the symbol of knowledge all over Ceylon and India and that all seekers of knowledge would do well to remember Goddess Saraswati. This was from a Sinhalese Buddhist Minister and that over 22 years ago. It therefore passes my imagination that a Hindu Tamil Minister in the year 1967 over 19 years after independence should uphold this objection by a small bigoted group against the Tamilian front of this Tamil Temple of Learning in Eela Nadu. Is he or his party over 30 years behind the times?

The agitation by the Tamils in general and the Hindus in particular would not cease until the original plan of placing there the image of Saraswati, the national Tamil symbol of knowledge, is carried out. May wiser counsels prevail.

Siva. U. Somasegaram
President Hindu Institute
of Culture Jaffna

Vidyashram
Jaffna 18-10-67

MISSION OF MERCY

(Reproduced from the Annual of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Jaffna)

The work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is entirely voluntary. In addition to attending regular lectures, and practice classes in First Aid and maintaining efficiency by annual re-qualifications, members of the Brigade have to give a great proportion of their free time, whenever called upon to attend Sport meets, public functions, exhibitions, visits, of V. I. P. P. and festivals, where large crowds congregate, and there serve the sick, nurse the injured and the wounded.

Brigade Functions

Thus the contributions the Brigade can make to the nation's health and its well being have become vitally important not only by reason of the member's skilled services that we can give, but also by his helping in the dissemination of knowledge on health, accident-prevention and methods of saving the lives of the injured.

Liaison between Brigade & Medical Authorities

The need for co-operation of the Brigade with the authorities responsible for the statutory health and welfare services cannot be over-emphasised. It has been found in many countries that proper liaison between the Brigade and the Medical authorities was the key to the successful development of this great potential field of service. It is heartening to find that now, the assistance and co-operation of the Health authorities are becoming available to us in increasing quantum.

Conduct in Uniform

While the teaching and training of First Aiders can proceed in comparative obscurity, the uniformed members of the Brigade have to function as the spear-head of our movement. It is there-

fore, most important that the image presented to the public should be one of purposeful courtesy, efficiency, skill and service by every member, whilst in uniform.

Intake of First Aiders

In common with the experience of many other voluntary Organisations, the intake of young recruits does not keep pace with the fall-out of many young trained members (who could give service for a greater length of time). Nevertheless, we are confident, that with its back ground of tradition and service the Brigade can yet evoke satisfactory response from the modern youths, provided it offered a sound training—as far as possible, free, through the latest methods, in acquiring skills, enabling them to confidently play a vital part, in relieving suffering and distress and treating injuries arising out of modern times.

International Organisation

It should be inspiring to know, that close links bind the members of the Brigade not only with those within Ceylon, but also with those in the United Kingdom and others in the Commonwealth. We can be proud of the fact, that we form part of that oldest Order of Chivalry, famed for its skill, devotion and self-sacrifice, with courage and fortitude in Service. Its common mission is Mercy. Its humanitarian programme is "Serving the Sick, nursing the injured and the wounded."

Autonomy

We entertain the hope that our Brigade will grow from strength to strength under the guidance and control of the new autonomous Council, set up in Ceylon early this year with M. C. San-

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Hindu Organ

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MEANINGLESS MISSION

Whether by invitation or of their own accord, the one hundred Buddhists who have arrived in Jaffna with a view to assessing the situation that has arisen from the agitation for entry by Harijans into Temples could have well avoided this Mission knowing as they do that taking interest in the affairs of the people who belong to a different Faith cannot be of any advantage to either party. The Harijans who subscribe to the Hindu Faith could not have invited the Buddhist Monks to settle a dispute between themselves and their Hindu Priests. Priests of one Faith would not of their own accord wish to set out on any Mission in regard to the affairs of Priests of another Faith. Hence the reported Mission of the one hundred Buddhists, monks and laymen, is, in the first place, meaningless.

Newspaper reports also widen the scope of the Mission by including in the agenda a consideration of suitable sites for the establishment of Buddhist Viharas. Such a consideration is bound to create the impression that it is a corollary to the problem of entry by Harijans into Temples. If these reports are correct then the idea that is underlying this expedition cannot be Jailable.

We have all along suggested the method of discussion and peaceful persuasion as the only fruitful way of solving the problem of Harijans and that the Hindus should themselves evolve a feasible formula. In the context of the efforts of Hindu Associations and leaders it will be quite out of place for Priests of any other Faith to attempt any independent exploration. That the very same mission should examine the possibility of establishing a number of Buddhist Viharas in this area

Man-Power Must be Directed in Diverse Directions

National Tradition of Specialised Skills Should be Restored

In the course of his brilliant Prize-day address at the Jaffna Hindu College Prize giving, Mr. T. Sivaprakasapillai, Reader in Engineering, at the Ceylon University, deplored the waste of manpower and called for national unity for the advancement of the mother land. He said:

Principal, Teachers, Students, parents and wellwishers of the Jaffna Hindu College. My wife and I are very grateful to you for your kind invitation. The Principal and the staff have definitely broken away from tradition in inviting an engineer this time. My elder brother, father and uncles who have amongst them the last Manager, founder manager, treasurer, secretary and also the chief guest at the first prize distribution of this school were all Lawyers, accepted as belonging to the learned profession.

I had the privilege of beginning and completing my schooling at this, the Jaffna Hindu College, from Vijathasami 1916 till I entered the University College in 1927. The students today are more fortunate than we were at that time. We had to walk or cycle daily to our playground at the esplanade, where the public library stands today. If we won our inter school match, we returned in procession along the KKS Road and Grand Bazaar shouting and announcing our victory all the way along. If we lost the match, we dispersed quietly and returned singly along the back streets. Now you have a playground next to the College. We had no bus service of any kind except for the one mail coach and schools were few and far between. Many of my classmates got up before dawn to help their parents draw water and irrigate their farm before walking several miles to school. They had a scrappy snack for 5 cts, at the Thosai Kadai or a decent lunch at the school boarding house for the princely

would only show its hopefulness that the Harijan localities could be used as a happy hunting ground for proselytizing. But Hindu Harijans who are so much spirited in their agitation for entry into Hindu Temples cannot be easily persuaded to change their Faith.

sum of 10 or 12 cts depending on the age of the boy. Like you many of us were wolf cubs and boy scouts but we had no cadets mainly because we did not want to fight for the foreign colonial British Government. In fact even scouting was considered Imperialistic by many of our masters and Mr. Sabaratnasinghe and later Mr. S. P. Rasiah had to do a lot of persuasion to popularise the Scout movement. Mr. M. A. Muttumaran wanted to take us away.

We studied only English History and knew no Ceylon History. We could not understand our Indian graduate teachers contradicting the English History book about incidents like the Black Hole of Calcutta.

We also had our national recreations like Koladdam and we staged English and Tamil Plays. But we had no microphone and amplifier system. We had to shout. In fact, the transistor radio, tape recorder, talkies, television, air conditioning, nuclear power, aeroplane, stereophotography, satellites, Telstars, LASER, computers, automation, micro miniaturising information and many of these modern scientific aids to a comfortable life were not even known. In a way this was to our advantage, because we studied less than you about the application of Science and we were able to graduate at the University when we were 20 years old. You will normally graduate at the age of 22. But due to ill health or other misfortune you may take one or two more years. It is therefore a criminal waste of manpower for others to permit in obtaining higher education at the Universities when they should be earning and doing something else which comes more naturally to suit their individual genius. The white collar mentality and the desires of every every fond parent to see his children through the University is common all over the world. But pro-

gressive governments in advanced countries have provided community colleges and other technical colleges to direct their manpower in diverse useful directions and not allow waste in mush-room tutorials. They also have a popular belief that if the child is brilliant, he should be put into some business enterprise while only the average child should be put into the University. Lord Nuffield, the British motor magnate, never studied at any University. Henry Ford who mass produced motor cars never studied engineering at any University. He worked on the principle of not putting on the back of a man anything than can be put on the back of a machine.

So many of our great inventors and other great men never studied at Universities. We have also given up our wonderful old tradition of handing our specialised skills and knowledge from father to son, because this has developed into a pernicious caste system. Many students in advanced countries work full time during vacations and part time during term and earn their way through the University using their skill and not depending on parents and charity. We had got political independence without much effort, but economic independence needs a much greater effort without any waste of manpower.

Some of you may want to know about engineering education in the University of Ceylon. We have only Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Departments at present. We are hoping to establish a department of Chemical engineering. There is no sign of establishing other departments like Industrial, Mining or aeronautical engineering. But to whichever University you may go and graduate in whatever department of engineering, you can be sure that the degree does not make you an engineer. The degree merely indicates that you have a good grasp of the fundamental principles of Science and that you have the capacity to apply them for the benefit of the human race. The degree takes you to the bottom rung of the ladder of engineering. After that you have to climb to the top by further sustained effort. The next few rungs will be more of mathematics and recent advances in engineering design. Then you have to study law and economics. As Junior engineers you will

Protest By R. D. S.

The Ponnaleikadduvan R. D. S. expressed its dissatisfaction over the change of the Image of Saraswathy into Yarl-Nangai in front of the Jaffna Public Library and declared that The Commissioners of the Jaffna M. C. should without wounding the feelings of the public take immediate steps to instal the Image of Saraswaty in its original place.

Religious Talk

Mr. M. Mylvaganam Religious Propaganda Officer, delivered a lecture on 'Purity of Thought' to the students of Vannar-ponnai Trade School on Thursday the 19th instant. Mr. S. U. Somasegaram Superintendent of the Trade School presided and introduced the lecturer. Mr. Anthony, the Principal of the school, thanked the lecturer and requested him to deliver more lectures to the students.

Mission of Mercy

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soni, Esq; (former Chief Justice of Ceylon) as its first Chairman.

His Excellency the Governor-General has honoured us by graciously consenting to be President of this Council which will be the main co-ordinating and controlling Body of all the activities of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Associations in Ceylon.

'Life is too short to waste,

In critic peep or cynic bark,.....

'T will soon be dark
Up! mind thine own aim, and
God speed the mark!'

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

—F. P. R.

be able to control the machines fairly easily. But as senior engineers you will find the art of controlling men to be not so easy.

Distinguished Old Boy.....

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set up as we could accept the responsibility of taking in quite eligible children at a crucial stage and bringing them up to the Upper Sixth Form without too many barriers caused by diversification. With less overcrowding and proper staffing our present standards could be bettered in the new set-up.

The greatest problem for the parents will be to find their children a place in the Science stream at the end of the eighth standard. It must be conceded that Science comes first in the priorities of useful knowledge. But our children need social skills and training in citizenship. They need wide opportunities of studying both the Sciences and Humanities. Casteism among children and even subjects is causing much damage and quite a number at our schools are falling by the wayside even at the Ordinary Level. With the introduction of Course Guides it should not prove difficult to teach some Science to every student, chiefly because such teaching does not entail the employment of highly qualified teachers. Let it be remembered that both the Americans and the Russians who stress the value of useful knowledge believe that almost anything can be taught to almost every one.

In the course of his report, the Principal, *inter alia*, stated:

The Y. M. H. A. continued to function quite efficiently organizing Maha Sivarathiri, Navarathiri, and Thiruketheeswaram Festivals and the Religious and Cultural Activities commendably clear in the two-day celebrations organized by the All-Ceylon Sekkilar Manram once again at our College. The highlight of the festival was the playlet "Seraman Tholar" staged with success by our students. The College choir is being systematically trained to render devotional songs and the chanting of Pancha Puranam at our daily prayers has consequently improved in quality.

Spiritual Shramadhana

With the world becoming engrossed in temporal activities that always tend to lead human beings into the valley of vicious living, it has become necessary for Spiritual Shramadhana to be organized in order that mankind might in self-defence shake off the shackles of gross materialism. Several centuries ago in similar circumstances the Four revered Religious Teachers, Appar, Sundarar, Sambanthar and Manickavasagar, performed Spiritual Shramadhana in its Supreme significance and not merely arrested the agitation against Saiva Faith but also succeeded in establishing truly religious tendencies. Service to Siva Peruman was their only concern. Such service included in its wide scope the service to living beings. Hence the greatness of their Spiritual Shramadhana — not leadership. To them the concept of leadership

meant the leadership of the Almighty God and none else. The significant term *Sivanadiyar* சிவனடியார் speaks for itself.

Now what has happened to this supreme achievement of the past? How and why has this holy tradition been allowed to be superseded by contrary practice? These are questions that have to be answered and not avoided. In the correct answers to these questions can be seen the factors that have contributed to this undesirable developments of the recent past.

Saiva Culture is the special tradition of Bharatha and Lanka. Certain countries of South Eastern Asia also had this culture as their special tradition in their glorious past. This ancient heritage has to be treasured if our country should be made worthy to live in. Where do we find this Saiva Culture

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
POINT PEDRO

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 906

In the matter of the Intestate
Estate of the late Sinna-
thamby alias Sinnathambiar
Vallipuram of Thunnalai
South

Deceased

Sethupillai widow of Valli-
puram of Thunnalai South

Vs Petitioner

Vallipuram Sellathamby of
Vinayagamudaliyar Road,
Point Pedro

Respondent.

This matter coming on for
disposal before V. M. Kumara-
swamy Esquire District Judge
Point Pedro on the 21st day
of September 1967 in the pre-
sence of Mr. M. Esurapadham
Proctor on the part of the
petitioner and the petition
and affidavit of the petitioner
having been read:

It is ordered that the peti-
tioner as widow of the above-
named deceased be declared
entitled to obtain Letters of
Administration to the estate
of the said deceased and that
Letters of Administration be
issued to the Petitioner unless
the respondent or any person
interested in the estate ap-
pears before this court on or
before the 29th day of October
1967 and shew cause to the
satisfaction of this court to
the contrary.

This 21st day of September
1967.

Sgd. V. M. Kumaraswamy
District Judge

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defined? Like the Bri-
tish Constitution Saiva
Culture is not a written
Code of conduct. It is
discernible in the Thiru-
murais and Shastras in
the form of inspired
musings and analytical
logic of the Saiva Sid-
dhantha. Collect these ut-
terances of Saints and you
will find Saiva Culture.

To understand and pre-
serve Saiva Culture the
study and singing of
Thirumurais and the
learning of the Shastras
and epics become neces-
sary. Now that Hinduism
has become a subject for
the G. C. E. O/L Exami-
nation, the study of Saiva
Culture becomes easy.
But practice of that
Culture has to be acquir-
ed by sincere appreciation
of the code of conduct
as enunciated by the
Saints. Thus the home
and the school have all
facilities for the children
to be brought up in their
traditional culture and
made to assimilate the
practice so that it can
stand them in good stead
in their responsible fu-
ture.

Astrological

WEEKLY FORECASTS

SRIPATHY

FROM 22 — 10 — 67 to 28 — 10 — 67

ARIES Aawini, Barani, Kar-
tikai 1st part [Meda Rasi]

Health upsets and do-
mestic problems may crop
up again this week. Wife
and childrens health may
suffer. Beware of scandal-
mongers. Financially a
good week.

TAURUS Kartika 2, 3, 4
Rohini, Mirugasirisha, 1, 2,
[Idapa Rasi]

Ruin to enemies pro-
mised. Friends will go
out of the way to help
you. But some troubles
in the office shown. Agri-
cultural ventures will
prove to be successful.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4
Thiruvathirai, Punnarpusam 1
2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]

Work will be heavier
than usual this week. Be-
ware of secret enemies.
Minor health upsets speci-
ally abdominal complaints
likely. Financially a good
week.

CANCER Punnarpusam 4, Poo-
sa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Professional success pro-
mised. Younger brothers
and sisters will be helpful.
You will be able to
triumph over your com-
petitors. Father's relatives
may cause you some trou-
ble.

LEO Maha. Purna, Uttira 1,
[Singha Rasi]

A good week for finan-
ces. Old investments will
bring in good results. But
there will be no mental
peace. Health too will
suffer.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atta
Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

You will be quick to
pick up quarrels. Domes-
tic worries shown. Eye
troubles likely. There
will be no mental peace.
Expenses will soar.

LIBRA Chittirai 3, 4, Swat-
Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

Sunday and Monday
must be spent with care.
Troubles in the office
and domestic upsets like-
ly. Rest of the week will
be favourable for profes-
sional deals. Ruin to ene-
mies, fame and social suc-
cess indicated. But mind
your health.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha
Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Work will be heavy and
you will not be sufficient-
ly compensated. Expenses
also will be heavy. Eye
troubles likely. There
will be no mental peace.
But ruin to enemies pro-
mised. Spend Tuesday
night Wednesday and

Thursday with care.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam,
Pooradam, Uttiradam 1
[Thanu Rasi]

Financially a good week.
Old investments will bring
in good results. But clash-
es with maternal relatives
likely. Vehicles will cause
you some expenditure.
Spend Thursday morning,
Friday and Saturday with
care.

CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam
2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avit-
tam 1, 2 [Makara Rasi]

Expenses will soar.
There will be no mental
peace. Troubles in the
office likely. Health too
will be far from satisfac-
tory. Abdominal com-
plaints likely. Spend
Saturday with care.

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4
Satayam, Pooraddati, 1, 2, 3
[Kumbha Rasi]

A good week for fi-
nances. Fame and pro-
fessional success indicated.
But scandal mongers may
create mischief. Strangers
and foreigners will be
very helpful.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Utti-
raddati, Ravati [Meena
Rasi]

Health a problem. You
will find it difficult to
have your way in things.
Troubles in the office
likely. Gains through
landed properties indi-
cated.

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

No P / 1099

Velaitham Narenthiran of
Sandilipay South
Vs Plaintiff

1 Nallathamby Kandassamy
and wife
2 Ponnammam of Pattaimeny
3 Sinnappu Ramalingam of
Pattaimeny
4 Ponniah Subramaniam of
Navaly
5 Sivapaktiam daughter of
Ponniah of Navaly and
6 Subramaniam Kumaraguru-
nathan of Pattaimeny

Defendants
It is hereby notified that
action No. P / 1099 has been
instituted in the District Court
of Jaffna under the Partition
Act No. 16 of 1951 for the
partition or sale of the land/
called Talampattai in extent
13 7/8 lms. V. O. and situated
at Pattaimeny in the Atchu-
vely Pannish in the Division of
Valigamam East Jaffna Dis-
trict Northern Province.

The defendants, in the afore-
said action are summoned
to appear in Court on the
2nd day of November 1967, at
100'clock of the forenoon.

By order of Court

Sgd. V. Kanapathipillai
for Secretary

This 9th day of October 1967.
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Editor : R. N. SIVAPIRAKASAM